

Minutes
Aging in Place in Union Committee
Monday, April 9, 2018
Town Office Building Meeting Room
3:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Vicki Harriman, Chair, Anita Brown, Lorain Francis -,RSVP, Penquis, Clark Hooper, Carol Watier, and guest, Sheila Curry, and Jay Feyler.

1. All of the committee members have now been sworn in as town committee members.
2. Sheila shared her interest in setting up a transportation program in Union. She is familiar with a similar program in St. George and will be meeting with those folks tomorrow to explore the issue further. She is also familiar with the FISH program in Damariscotta and plans to meet with them. Lorain told her that she also has done a lot of research about this issue and will work with her. We all shared with her that this is a priority with us and welcomed her to the committee. She will report back to us at the next meeting.
3. We had a work session on April 3 to get the surveys ready to be mailed. They were in our mail boxes the following day. We sent out 1475 surveys. Anita will take extra surveys to the senior citizen's meeting tomorrow. Several of us also took surveys to hand out to folks that we will see in the next few days. Some surveys have already been returned. The mailing costs were \$270.
4. We discussed newly discovered issues concerning the survey: no return envelopes, some homes have more than one elder, how do we capture the info for everyone in the household, etc.
5. Luncheon - Anita passed out her research concerning food for the luncheon. She shared a brochure from the Common Market, showing the food platters that they offer: finger rolls, cookies, etc. We decided that buying these would be ideal and would make our job so much easier, rather than getting donations from several local restaurants. We will stay with the 2 soups that Mike from the Badger had suggested. Vicki will confirm the order with him. Anita will probably be in touch with The Common Market about the platters. We can also purchase soft drinks and water from the Common Market. We can make coffee at the town office.

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6. Jay Feyler joined us as we were trying to decide whether to limit the luncheon just to Union folk. He clarified that the funds are from Union and so this should be for Union residents. We need to set up the luncheon on the morning of June 21.
7. Jim Murphy will present info on the Yellow Dot program. Vicki will be in touch with Pat Hood, Maine State Police and ask him to present info on scams and how to deal with them.
8. Transportation- Vicki shared that Pastor Elizabeth of the Methodist Church is working on a grant to purchase a vehicle. Lorain said that that RSVP can handle the background checks on drivers, but this would only be for folks who are aged 55 and older. Lorain presented the research that she and Penquis have done on this issue.
9. Senior Expo Elks Club. Lorain will be at this expo and will hand out the survey to Union folk.
10. Meeting adjourned just after 4:00 p.m.
11. Next meeting to be April 30, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Watier, notetaker for the day.